

**Senate File 68 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the official language of the state of Iowa.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 1.18, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 *b.* Throughout the history of Iowa and of the United States,  
4 the common thread binding individuals of differing backgrounds  
5 together has been the English language and any other language  
6 deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of the state of Iowa  
7 and the political subdivisions of the state.

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EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill amends Code section 1.18, regarding Iowa English  
12 language reaffirmation, to provide that the general assembly  
13 declares that the common thread binding individuals in the  
14 state includes, in addition to the English language, any other  
15 language deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of the state.